



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In honor of Thanksgiving Day 1961, President John F. Kennedy wrote, "We are grateful for the blessings of faith and health and strength and for the imperishable spiritual gifts of love and hope. We give thanks, too, for our freedom as a nation; for the strength of our arms and the faith of our friends; for the beliefs and confidence we share; for our determination to stand firmly for what we believe to be right and to resist mightily what we believe to be base; and for the heritage of liberty bequeathed by our ancestors which we are privileged to preserve for our children and our children's children"; and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for the blessings and joys in our lives, and pray that those who mourn find comfort, that those who are in harm's way find safety, and that we all continue to look after the state we love; and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for the continuing service of our heroic military men and women, law enforcement personnel, and their families, whose selfless sacrifices ensure the safety and freedom we deeply cherish; and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for the beauty of Minnesota's land and the dedication of our farm families, whose efforts put food on Thanksgiving tables across our entire nation; and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for the progress achieved through learning, productivity, and innovation, which make Minnesota a leader in business and education; and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for the high quality of life we enjoy in Minnesota, due in part to our efforts in health care, high level of volunteerism, world-class educational system, and the abundance of valuable services provided to the citizens of our state; and
- WHEREAS: Even in these trying economic times, we must pause to reflect on our freedoms, our blessings, and our democratic way of life, and give thanks for all that we are provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
November 24, 2011 as:

THANKSGIVING DAY

in the State of Minnesota, as a time to enjoy togetherness and the bounty of our land.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol
this 22nd day of November.

The signature of Mark Dayton is written in black ink above a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

The signature of Mark Schultz is written in blue ink above a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE